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SUBJ: LABOR CONFRONTATION WITH GOVERNMENT: SITREP NO. 3

REF: A. BA 4342; B. BA 2947

FREJULI BLOC IN SENATE HAS CALLED MEETING FOR TODAY WITH ANNOUNCED INTENTION OF CONVOKING SENATE SESSION IN ORDER TO ELECT A PROVISIONAL PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE TO REPLACE JOSE ANTONIO ALLENDE, WHO STEPPED DOWN ON APRIL 25 (SEE REF B). IT WILL BE RECALLED THAT MRS. PERON HAD INSTRUCTED PERONIST SENATORS NOT RPT NOT TO ELECT A REPLACEMENT, THUS PLACING RAUL LASTIRI NEXT IN ORDER OF SUCCESSION. THIS OFFENDED GREAT MAJORITY OF FREJULI SENATORS AT THE TIME, BUT THEY SUFFERED IT QUIETLY. IF THEY ARE NOW MOVING TO ELECT PROVISIONAL PRESIDENT AGAINST HER WISHES IT PROBABLY SUGGESTS THEY SENSE HER POSITION TO BE WEAKENING QUICKLY AND ARE JOINING LABOR IN DEFYING HER. IT MAY ALSO SUGGEST THEY BELIEVE SHE IS ON WAY OUT AND WANT TO HAVE ONE OF THEIR OWN MEMBERS IN PLACE IN ORDER TO DENY THE MANTLE TO LASTIRI. THIS IS ALSO SUGGESTED BY FACT THAT FREJULI SENATORS HAVE ASKED LABOR LEADERS TO MEET WITH THEM IN SENATE THIS AFTER-NOON. LASTIRI WOULD PROBABLY NOT BE ACCEPTABLE TO LABOR

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LEADERS EITHER; HENCE, SPECULATION IS THAT TWO GROUPS ARE

MEETING TO AGREE UPON PROVISIONAL PRESIDENT OF SENATE.
SO FAR, THIS NO MORE THAN CONJECTURE.
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